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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Again we want to say to our correspondents that they must give us their real names if they expect us to publish their articles. We must have their names as a guarantee of good faith.

SOME OF THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

The order originated among the farmers of Texas only a few years ago; and has grown and spread with astonishing rapidity until now it is an established institution in nearly all of the Southern States.

in the commercial world about five hundred thousand dollars in cash as a guarantee fund. It has besides all this the largest implement, machinery and hardware house in the South or Southwest, and which did a business of over two hundred thousand dollars during last month.

In the other States the order is catching the spirit of their brethren in the "Lone Star" State and are preparing to move along the same line as fast as they become able to do so.

Already the brethren are becoming restive and want to move. We are daily receiving letters enquiring as to when we can start our Business System, and offering to advance money to give our State Agency commercial rating and standing in the world of trade.

We are glad to announce to the brethren throughout the State that at a very early day an address on the important subject of the State Business Agency will be issued to them by our State Executive Committee.

ALEXANDER, THE COMING MAN

As the time for the nomination of a candidate for Governor approaches, the interest among the respective friends of the different aspirants, increases. The other positions to be filled at the election seem to be forgotten.

They put forth the very reasonable claim that they should be represented in the Gubernatorial chair. They bring forward a man upon whose record and character there is no blur or blemish—a high-toned, educated gentleman, a practical and successful farmer, a man of splendid ability and whose whole life has endeared him to the noble people among whom he was raised and among whom he has lived, and who will testify their esteem for him by their undivided and enthusiastic support.

He has not sought this prominence. He says in the Charlotte Democrat of last week that he has not sought it; that he has not written a line to any one in regard to it, except in reply to letters on the subject, but if the nomination were tendered him it would be an honor he would appreciate and would not feel at liberty to decline.

We regret to learn that in certain sections his record on the fence law, and his position on the homestead law is being persistently misrepresented in the interest of certain other candidates.

The best answer to all this can be found very easily in his record, and in the action of the townships of Wake county, on last Wednesday. That record has been published and shows that the fence-law had been in operation six years before he came to Raleigh as a

representative, and the people of Wake on last Wednesday (outside of Raleigh) answered the charge overwhelmingly, by declaring almost unanimously that he is their first choice for Governor.

Never have we seen such an enthusiastic interest—such a spontaneous uprising among the people for any man, and as we predicted, that interest is spreading and growing and strengthening every day.

Astute, observant and wise politicians are astonished at the strength he is developing, and everything indicates his nomination.

"A VERY DECIDED PROSPECT."

Our esteemed contemporary, the Fayetteville Observer, of the 10th inst., begins its leading and well-written editorial with this remark:

"There are now before the people only two candidates—Stedman and Fowle—with a very decided prospect for another, Mr. S. B. Alexander, as a candidate of the Farmers' Alliance."

It is rather early to begin "campaign jokes," but our genial and pleasant friend of the Observer is so full of good humor, that "it just bubbles over." "Stedman and Fowle the only candidates!" But there is "a very decided prospect of another!" "Very decided prospect" is good! We presume our good friend was aided in his discovery of this third and probable candidate, or rather that there "is a very decided prospect of another" by some reports he has heard from the counties of Lenoir, Richmond, Franklin, Robeson, Columbus, Moore, Edgecombe, Wake, Warren, Granville, Rockingham, Chatham and Yance.

The people of these counties seem to have learned some time ago that there were more than "two candidates," but in some of them they act as though they want but one. Dear, good brother, if you will communicate with the people of these counties, or if you will come to Raleigh about the 30th of this month, you will enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are perfectly correct, when you say that "there is a very decided prospect of another." The fact is, that there can be found a few men in each of these counties and there are several even in the city of Raleigh, who believe even now that Capt. Alexander is already a full-fledged and a very lively candidate.

But the very core and marrow of the joke lies in that part of this very funny discovery, wherein the Observer says, Capt. Alexander is to be the "candidate of the Farmer's Alliance!" Members of that order will not be able to suppress a smile when they see this, but if our good and clever neighbor will come up on the 30th inst., he will conclude that the Farmers' Alliance is made up of a wonderful number of men representing all classes and professions.

A MOST ENJOYABLE OCCASION.

As a rule, our farmers and their families have less of social intercourse and pleasure than any other class of our people. Hence when they arrange for a social gathering and commingling, they enjoy it with a zest that is really refreshing.

sembled as could be found in a month's travel. A splendid dinner was served and everything passed off as pleasantly as possible. Col. G. B. Pickett, of Texas, and the writer made speeches, and we imagine if a certain lady had been there and seen the gallant and chivalrous Colonel, almost overwhelmed with compliments, smiles and magnificent bouquets, some one would have taken the "arm-clutch" on the gentleman and marched him off for Texas.

Everybody was in the very best of good humor and we were made to feel that truly our "lines had fallen in pleasant place," and while we most warmly appreciate the uniform kindness of that warm-hearted people, we must tender special thanks and acknowledgments to our good friends and their families—Messrs. C. P. Davis, B. C. Scarborough, W. I. Herring, W. H. Worth, Sutton and Col. N. B. Whitfield, for special favors and courtesies.

IMPORTANT MEETING.

The State Business Agents of the Farmers' National Alliance and Co-Operative Union of America held a very important meeting in the city of New Orleans on the 1st inst.

The following gentlemen were present: Dr. C. W. Macune, President N. F. A. and C. U. of A. and Business Agent of the State of Texas; R. B. Carl Lee, of Arkansas; Oswald Wilson, of Florida; W. D. Clarke, of Tennessee; H. P. Bone, of Alabama; S. B. Erwin, of Kentucky; R. H. Jackson, of Georgia; A. T. Hatcher, of Louisiana; R. T. Love and C. T. Smithson, of Mississippi.

Plans were adopted for the establishment of a National Exchange, which are to be submitted to the various State Alliances for approval, and by which it is expected to secure thorough co-operation and uniformity in all of the States.

An Eastern correspondent of the News-Observer in its issue of May 9th, declares that Capt. S. B. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, is the people's choice for Governor, and adds:

"In all North Carolina there is not a more available man than S. B. Alexander, of Mecklenburg. While he is by no means a demagogue, nor a political wire-puller, he is a man of acute perception; shrewd judgment and bright intellect, a man of energy, of wide information, fluent in speech, level-headed, big-brained, progressive and aggressive, a man who has many elements of strength that no other man in the State possesses."

A nephew of one of the best and greatest Governors North Carolina ever had, S. B. Alexander is much like him in head and heart. A pure man, a brave soldier, a patriotic citizen, a profound thinker, a wise legislator, a practical farmer, an honored statesman, let us have S. B. Alexander for our next Governor.

"THE GOVERNOR."

Under the above caption, the Hickory Clipper, having under discussion the names of the three leading gentlemen who are now mentioned in connection with the Democratic nomination for Governor—Fowle, Steadman and Alexander—closes its article in these words:

We are very much mistaken, in summing up the signs of the times if Alexander don't count as many friends, in the nominating convention as either one of the others.

The farmers of the country are presenting the name of Alexander as their choice and they compose the great bulk of the party. They have stood by the party through thick and thin, and have been modest in their demands in the past, but they will now feel greatly disappointed if they fail to be heard in this instance.

We are in favor of the nomination of Mr. Alexander, however, not because he is a farmer, but because we believe that he will prove the strongest man with the masses of any man yet mentioned. He has no record to defend and is fully able to cope with any candidate that may be put up against him, and the masses will rally to his standard, if nominated and give to Democracy a rousing victory.

Money is scarce and hard to get. We want at all times to adapt THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER to its surroundings, so if you can't spare a dollar for our paper, make up a club at 50 cents for 6 months. This will reach the next cotton crop.

WAKE COUNTY PRIMARIES.

Alexander Far Ahead!

At the earnest request of a large number of our readers in Wake, we give the names of delegates to the County Convention from the various townships and wards, so far as we have them. Judge Fowle leads in Raleigh township, but it is but just to Alexander to state that he had a very strong following in some of the wards. Indeed in the second largest he was beaten by only about three votes.

- WARD DELEGATES IN RALEIGH. First Ward—A. A. Thompson, C. C. Crow, Samuel Wilder, W. H. Pace, Thomas Harris, S. G. Ryan, G. Haywood, C. W. Lambeth, Spier Whitaker, F. Stronach, T. B. Crowder, V. Royster, W. W. Briggs.

- TOWNSHIPS. Barton's Creek—J. D. Allen, E. G. Penny, G. C. Bledsoe, G. H. Mooneyham, R. D. Honeycutt and A. Carter. Cary—Dr. S. P. Waldo, C. H. Clarke, G. W. Coover, R. A. Young, J. H. Stone, and J. W. Young.